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From the Paris Gazette. dated October 31.

From the Camp before Verrue, October 16.

THE 3d of this Month the Duke of Savoy advanc'd with a Body of 5 or 6000 Men towards Aſti, with Deſign to ſurprize it: But being inform'd the Governour of the Caſtle having Intelligence of his Deſign, was prepar'd to give him a good Reception, and that Count Albergotti was marching to attack him, he retir'd with Expedition to his Camp. Some days after Count Albergotti, being joyn'd by a Detachment which the Duke of Vendome ſent to him as ſoon as the Caſtle of Ivrea ſurrendred, drew near to Verrue, and poſſeſs'd himſelf of the Hills about it, notwithſtanding the Efforts made by the Duke of Savoy to hinder it. The 11th the Duke of Vendome arriv'd at Trino, with the reſt of his Army, and made the Diſpoſitions neceſſary for attacking Verrue. The 14th he arriv'd before that Place, and the ſame day, after he had taken a View of the Intrenchments of Guerbignan, he caus'd three Eminencies ſtanding within Piſtol-ſhot of them to be attack'd all at once. The Duke of Savoy came out of his Intrenchments with his principal Officers, to animate his Troops by his Preſence: But the Grenadiers charg'd thoſe who defended the ſaid Eminencies with ſo much Vigour, that they beat them from them, and made ſo great a fire upon thoſe commanded by the Duke of Savoy, that they return'd into their Intrenchments with Precipitation. The Duke of Vendome caus'd the Eminencies he had taken to be ſecur'd by Intrenchments, and waits only for his Artillery, which will ſpeedily be here, to attack the Intrenchments of Guerbignan. The Duke of Savoy's Army continues in his old Camp at Creſcentino, on the other ſide of the Po, over againſt Verrue, with a Bridge over that River. Yeſterday they made a Motion; their Cavalry advanc'd to the ſide of the Po, and their Foot are poſted with their Right at Creſcentino and their Left near the Bridge on the Po, on which Lights are placed every Night. From a Hill behind the Duke of Vendom's Quarter, we have a full and diſtinct View of the Enemies Army, which ſeems to be weak in Foot, and we are inform'd they have a great many Men Sick by means of their lying ſo long in a low marſhy Ground. 'Tis reported they ſuffer much for want of Proviſions, of which the King's Army has Plenty. Forrage indeed is ſcarce with us; but the Duke of Vendome to husband it, has reſolv'd to ſend within 3 or 4 days, moſt of the Baggage with the Horſes belonging to it into the Alexandrin; where thoſe Horſes will be provided for by order of the Prince of Vaudemont. The Advices from the Camp at Medoli tell us, that tho' the Enemies had given out above 3 Weeks that they would come down into the plain Country, they have made no Motion yet, being ſtill encamp'd between the Lake of Guarda and the River Chieſe; whence 'tis preſum'd they want Horſes to draw their Artillery and Proviſions, or that they wait to be joyn'd by freſh Troops. The Grand Prior of France was to draw his Forces together, and take the Field, as ſoon as the 6 Battallions ſent to him by the Duke of Vendome had joyn'd him; which they were to do the 12th inſtant.

From the Amſterdam Gazette, dated Nov. 4.

Venice, October 18. The Imperialiſts under the Count de Leiningen increaſe in Number about Guione and Gavardo, whither they have extended their Quarters; and ſome of their Regiments are advanc'd to the Frontiers of the Mantuan. 'Tis ſaid they expect the Arrival of the Baron Martini, Commiſſary General, with Money and Bills payable at Bolzano, for the Army; and by that time they ſuppoſe he will come, they reckon upon receiving Advice of what has been concerted between the Duke of Savoy and General Davia who is gone incognito by Genoa to Piemont. The Grand Prior has caus'd the Fortifications of Caſtiglione delle Stivere to ba demoliſh'd, in order to withdraw the Garriſon of that Place to reinforce his Army, which is ſaid to be about 12 or 13000 Men: Beſides which he expects a Reinforcement from the Duke of Vendome. The laſt Advices ſay the Imperialiſts were encamp'd between the Rivers Chieſe and Naviglio, had receiv'd a new Reinforcement of the Regiment of Bagni, and 800 Foot of the Regiment of Reventlau, and ſtill expected Major General Berſetti with more Reinforcements.

(The Leiden Gazette of Nov. 4. ſays, in the Article from Venice Oct. 17. that the Grand Prior has 10000 Men, and expects 10 Battallions and 18 Squadrons from the Duke of Vendome; and that the Count de Leiningen has 17 or 18000 Men.)

The Letters from Genoa confirm, that General Davia had paſs'd through St. Pietro d'Arena *incognito*, to go and concert with the Duke of Savoy, the March of the Imperialiſts that are come into the Breſſan.

From the Leiden Gazette, dated Nov. 4.

From the Duke of Vendome's *Camp before* Verrue, Oct. 18. Within theſe 3 days the Diſpoſition of our Camp has been chang'd 3 times; and the Duke of Vendome is retir'd into the Plain a Mile behind our Camp with the Cavalry and part of the Infantry, upon his loſing a great many Men on the Eminencies he had gain'd by the continual Fire of the Enemies Cannon. However, he has left good Guards on thoſe Eminencies; and we have taken Poſt, at the Foot of a Hill, call'd Guarbignan, upon which the Duke of Savoy has caus'd a Redoubt and a ſtrong Intrenchment to made: This Hill we muſt be Maſters of before we can attack the Place, becauſe it has a Communication with the Glacis of the Counterſcarp. Our heavy Artillery is not yet arrived from Caſal.

From the Amſterdam Gazette, dated Nov. 4.

Amſterdam, Nov. 4. We have had no News from Turin for ſeveral Poſts, becauſe of the Interruption of the Communication between that Place and Switzerland, and becauſe ſome Couriers from Genoa have been ſtop'd by the French and Spaniards. The laſt Letters that came to our Hands are of the 15th of October, which told us the Duke of Savoy continued encamp'd at Creſcentino, whither he had caus'd a Battallion of the Regiment of Guards to come from Turin, and that the Duke of Vendome was ſat down before Verrue.

From the Paris Gazette a la Main, dated Oct. 31.

Paris, October 31. We have no freſh News from the Camp before Verrue; more than that the Duke of Vendome has found it convenient to change his Attack, becauſe of *the near Situation of the Enemies Camp*.

From the Amſterdam Courant, dated Nov. 4.

Ratiſbon, Octob. 27. Straubingen is very vigorouſly defended, and the Imperialiſts have loſt a great

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many Men before it by the brisk fireing of the Beſieged. However the Beſiegers have carried on their Approaches to the Ditch, are making a new Battery to make a Breach ſufficient for a general Storm, and reckon to be Maſters of the Place in 2 or 3 Days. The Bavarians that are poſted near the Iſer, give out they will march to the Relief of Straubingen; but 'tis believ'd they will not attempt it, becauſe they are weak in Horſe: Mean time they are very troubleſome to our Forragers, and take many Horſe from them. They write from Munich, that the Eſtates of Bavaria having unanimouſly reſolv'd nor to contribute any further to the War, but to preſs the Electoreſs to make Peace with the Emperor on the beſt Terms ſhe can; her Electoral Highneſs took this their Reſolution ſo ill, that upon their breaking up the Aſſembly, ſhe would not give them an Audience of Leave.

From the Camp at Weiſſenbourg, Oct. 27. The Beſiegers of Landau are buſied in carrying on their Saps to diſcover the Enemies Mines; and the Beſieged now and then ſpring Mines: Yeſterday they ſprung 2, by which 1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, and 70 of our Men were kill'd; and part of our Parallel was ruin'd. We are apprehenſive the Enemy will not defend Treves, but that they will ſet it on Fire, and thereby deprive us of a convenient Winter Quarter. Yeſterday in the Evening we heard a great Noiſe of Shooting from the Enemy's Camp, as tho' their Artillery and ſmall Arms had made Diſcharges on Account of ſome Advantage or other.

From the Paris Gazette, dated Octob. 31.

Straſbourg, Octob. 22 Within a few days a conſiderable Quantity of Powder and other Ammunition was carried to the King's Army. The 15th, 16th, and 17th the Enemies Artillery before Laudau was not heard to fire: Whence 'tis preſum'd they wanted Ammunition, and waited for ſome that was to come to them from Frankfort. The Advices from ſeveral Places concerning that Siege tell us, that from the 14th the Enemies have had 5000 Men kill'd or diſabled; great part of which loſs they ſuffer'd in attacking a Work call'd the Lunette de Melac, which they could not take till the th after 3 Aſſaults that were ſuſtain'd with extream Vigour, inſomuch that the laſt was of above an Hour's continuance. All the Advices confirm, that the Enemies are in very great Want of Forrage; and that a Mortality continues, not only among the Horſes, but likewiſe among the Soldiers; the Air being infected by the turning up of the Ground in which lay buried many Carcaſſes of Men that periſh'd in the former Sieges. The Marquis de Prie, Ambaſſador of Savoy, came Poſt from Vienna to the Enemies Camp, to deſire a Succour of 20000 Men for the Duke his Maſter: But he was told that conſidering the State of the Siege of Landau no conſiderable Detachment could be made, eſpecially in a Seaſon ſo far advanc'd; ſetting aſide the Difficulty of finding a Paſſage to Piemont for ſuch a Detachment: Whereupon that Ambaſſador went back agen the 13th very much diſſatisfied.

Paris, Nov. 1. We have Advice from Alſace, that the 19th the Enemies attack'd the Counterſcarp of Landau, and were repuls'd with a great loſs of their Grenadiers: And that the 20th they made another Aſſault, but were repuls'd and purſued into their very Trenches.

From the Harl. Cour. & Amſt. & Leid. Gaz. Nov. 4.

From the Camp before Landau, October 27. The Night between the 24th and 25th we began to make Lodgments to the Right and Left of the Counterguard along the Paliſadoes of the Covert-way; and all our Saps were carried on. Our Mines before the Point of the Half-Moon being advanc'd ſo far that the Enemies Countermines were very near them, we were oblig'd to ſpring a Mine which ruin'd thoſe Counter-Mines, and facilitated our making Lodgments cloſe to the Paliſadoes: The next Day (the 25th) we began to batter the Curtain and the Out-(or detach'd-) Works from our new Battery of 8 heavy Cannon, which we had rais'd at the end of the Line made on the Right of the Attack; alſo 2 Lines were run out on the Left of the Attack near the Gardens of Melac, in order to the raiſing of another Battery of the like Number of Cannon on that ſide. We had 13 Men kill'd and 60 wounded, among them a Lieutenant and an Enſign. The Night between the 25th and 26th our Lodgment cloſe to the Paliſadoes on the Right of the Counterguard being perfected, the Enemies at Day-break ſprung 2 Mines, and after a great Fire from their Cannon, which was ſeconded by their Small-ſhot, found themſelves oblig'd to abandon the Covert-Way between their 2 Places of Arms, and to let us take Poſſeſſion of the ſame. We had 21 Men kill'd and 97 wounded, among them a Captain and a Lieutenant both Ingeniers, and a Lieutenant. The following Day (the 26th) we diſcover'd one of the Enemies Mines, and took 300 Weight of Powder of it. Laſt Night we enlarg'd all our Lodgments; and becauſe all the Covert-Way is undermin'd, our foremoſt Works are made 9 Foot deep: We have likewiſe begun a Battery on the Right to make a Breach; and our Saps in the Middle and on the Right and Left of our Attack are continued. We had 13 Men kill'd, among them a Captain; and 62 wounded, among them 4 Captains, 1 Lieutenant and an Engenier. The Service growing the more dangerous, the nearer we approach to the Place; the King of the Romans has doubled the Workmen's Rewards in Money and Brandy. Notwithſtanding the vigorous Reſiſtance of the Beſieged, we reckon to be Maſters of the Place by the 10th of next Month.

'Tis advis'd from *Frankfort* Oct. 29. that ſeveral Perſons who arriv'd there that day, reported, that the Night between the 27th and 28th the Counterſcarp of Landau was taken; And from Cologne they write Oct. 31. that the Elector Palatine had receiv'd the ſame News (agreeing particularly in the Time) by an Expreſs from the Camp before Landau, which Expreſs found his Electoral Highneſs at Bensberg the 30th of October. So that in all likelihood this News is true, notwithſtanding the Amſterdam Courant and Leiden Gazette (which give the Accounts we have mention'd,) make a Doubt of it.

From the Leiden Gazette, dated Octob. 30.

Paris, October 24. Beſides the Horſes which the Jews have undertaken to furniſh the King with to remount his Cavalry, Orders are given for buying up 10000 more, at the Rate of 275 Livres a Horſe for a Dragoon, and 335 Livres a Horſe for a Trooper; and theſe Horſes to be deliver'd in the Months of November, December, or January.

From the Amſterdam Gazette, dated Oct. 31.

Amſterdam, October 31. They write from Metz that the Mortality among the Enemy's Cavalry continues. And that there is little likelihood the Jews will be able to furniſh near the Number of Horſes the French require. They add, that Money is as hard to come by there as Horſes.

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Cologne, October 31. 'Tis advis'd from Ratisbon, that the 3 Colleges of which the Diet of the Empire is compos'd, have renew'd the Edict made in 1688, prohibiting under very ſevere Penalties the carrying of Horſes out of the Empire; in order to prevent, as far as is poſſible, the ſelling of any to the French, whoſe Cavalry are almoſt all diſmounted; The King of the Romans has caus'd Placards to the ſame purpoſe to be publickly affix'd in divers Places; and our Grand Chapter has iſſued a Proclamation of like Import throughout the Country that is undur their Juriſdiction.

London, October 30. The 26th inſtant Her Majeſty was pleas'd to confer the Honour of Knighthood on William Humphreys Eſq; one of our preſent Sheriffs.

------ Reeves Eſq; Comptoller of the Prize-Office, died on Saturday laſt.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this preſent Monday being the 30th of October, will be preſented a Comedy call'd, The London Cuckolds. With ſeveral Entertainments of Singing and Danceing, which will be expreſs'd in the Great Bills. And tomorrow will be preſented a Comedy call'd, The Committee, or, The Faithful Iriſh-man. The Part of Teague to be perform'd by Mr. Eſtcourt.

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